Aggistant Director for Operations

12 September 1955

Chief, PBID

Progress Report for August, 1955

OPERATIONS

1. FBIS teletyped selected items to Geneva for the U.S. delegation at the conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy, and for Ambassador Johnson at the U.S.-Chinese Communist conference. The latter service is continuing. The FBIS support to the Susmit conference during July was highly complimented upon his return from Geneva.

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- 2. With the DD/I's approval of transfer to FBID of responsibility for analysis of Communist publications from the propaganda viewpoint, a project is being prepared for funds to cover the acquisition of publications in the field, increases in foreign national staffs at the European bureaus, and additional classified positions in the departmental T/O.
- 3. The most important Radio Propaganda reports issued during the month centered about the international conferences in Geneva. A survey of the effects of the summit conference on Communist propaganda was brought up to date in two subsequent weekly reports to the DD/I. Poreign comment on the peaceful-uses conference and the President's Philadelphia speech were summerized in the radio reaction series.
- h. FBID procedures for quantitative evaluation of Chinese Communist radio propaganda were revised to reduce the burden of coding and tabulation placed on field bureaus and to yield results better comparable to the measurements used for Soviet broadcasts.
- 5. The FRIS Daily Report carried Republican Statistical Administration reports on helf-year plan results in 12 USSR Republics. These reports totaled 15,000 words, monitored from Armenian, Azerbaijani, Byelorussian, Estonian, Ceorgian, Kasakh, Latvian, Lithuanian, Russian, Tadzhik, and Ukrainian.
- 6. August 20, 1955, ended the first year of publication of economic material on Economic Abstract cards. As of that date FBID had released to the Printing Services Division 58,89h abstracts, an average of 1,130

abstracts per week. The system is working well, except for some delays in dissemination which are being investigated.

- 7. Special services provided by FBID during the month included:
- a. The furnishing to OCB of copies of all war-like utterances by leading personalities or organizations of the Sino-Soviet Bloc monitored by FBID since the beginning of 1955.
- b. Temporary monitoring of the clandestine "Voice of Istria" to the Trieste area, arranged with BBC on behalf of the PP staff.
- c. A high priority project concerning technical data on Soviet long-wave operations, for the Assistant Director for Communications.
- d. Special observation of the VOA broadcasts of the interview with Russian form delegate Vladimir Matskevich in Russian, at the request of USIA and OSI. The usual Soviet jamming obliterated.

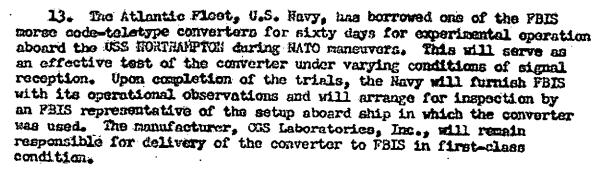
 Hr. Matskevich.
 - e. A thorough investigation of alleged Israeli broadcasts concerning Soviet aid to Egypt for RCM/OIS, which yielded no substantive results.
 - f. Initiation by Okinawa and Saigon Bureaus of regular mervice of Panol material to the American Babassies in Bangkok and Phnompanh.
- 8. FE Division desires a substantial FRIS wire service via Army Signals to the China mission at its new location at Subic Bay. The matter is being coordinated with O/C.
- 9. The Air Force accepted an FRID request for recordings of broadcasts by Radio Dersa Tetusm, Spanish Horocco which is insudible to FRIS and REC. Intercept will be accomplished at an air base in French Horocco.
- 10. The new edition of "Broadcasting Stations of the World", is in the hands of Government Printing Office and will be released in late September. The 1955-56 edition of "Program Schedules of Foreign Broadcasting Stations" was disseminated. Supplementary releases have been reorganised to separate schedule data from background material.
- 11. With restoration of Austrian sovereignty, several broadcast services sponsored by the occupying powers cased, and cut the monitoring load at Vienna nearly in half. The reduction has been utilized to

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good advantage by substituting unbit coverage which BBC had dropped.

12. Monitoring of the Kyronia-London FBIS file was resumed at East Coast Bureau after several months' suspension. About 33% of the Meditorranean Bureau output is being successfully intercepted.

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14. After satisfactory observation at the Hammarlund Mfg. Co. in New York of the long-wave receiver developed to meet joint Fall/Office of Communications requirements, arrangements were made for its shipment to FBID for further test and observation. Due to the long time taken in developing this receiver, PBID procured other long-wave receivers to meet most operational requirements and requirements for this type receiver have been reduced.

- 15. The Acting GI approved the FBID Saigon project for the acquisition of classified staff housing and limited expansion of monitoring equipment and native staff. The project authorizes \$66,500 for this purpose.
- 16. Construction in Okinawa during the month was retarded by heavy rains. Status on 1 September was as follows:
 - a. Construction of two 4-man ROQ and six duplex femily structures under Project Mb/I - 172 - 55 is about 10% combinate.
 - b. The later well at the operations site, Project DD/I 136 -5h, is 95% complete. Flow at 8 gal./win. was maintained for 10 days in an 8 hr./day test.
- 17. Reception at Chitose, Hokkaido will probably not be tested in the fall as previously contemplated, because of a high priority Air Force operation in the test area at the time, and the likelihood that FBIS will not be called upon to relinquish any of its Camp Grawford housing before spring.

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- 18. FBID headquarters expanded into the center second floor headhouse in Quarters Eye following the removal of TSS, but is now faced with a prospect of losing most of the new area because of other high priority agency space requirements.
- 19. FBID's space requirements in the new Agency building were reviewed by the Agency subcommittee for space requirements on 30 August 1955. In general, FBID fared well in this review.

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- 20. Okinawa Bureau reported the planned installation of a Nike launching site 200 yards east of the FBIS station at Bolo Point, and a control site 2500 yards southeast of the autennac field. Field tests indicated that there would be no interference to FBIS. The launching site will itself have to be relatively free of radio reception interference and the frequencies to be used are not likely to interfer with FBIS reception. On this basis, after a local protest against the location of the launching site, it was decided that FBIS should accept the situation without further objection.
- 21. FBID collaborated with Printing Services Division in a survey of major Government mail rooms handling the FBIS Daily Reports to determine the effect of a shift to night reproduction in the printing plant. The survey revealed that delayed receipt by users of the Daily Reports would be improbable. A specific proposal will be made by Printing Services Division.
- 22. Representatives of the Inspector General completed their survey of FBIS European Bureaus with visits to Frankfurt and London on 1 and 4 August respectively.
- 23. In collaboration with the Office of Communications, FBID considered the question of evacuation of dependents under emergency conditions in Cyprus. It was finally decided that no action would be taken until an emergency was declared by the American Consul.
- 2h. Office of Personnel did not concur in General Counsel's recommendation that educational allowances be included in salaries of foreign national employees in Okinsua. Since this might deprive foreign nationals of a privilege which they previously had, and which classified employees now enjoy under the law, a proposal was made to the DD/S that confidential funds continue to be authorized for educational allowances for foreign nationals.

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25. Six ESA Boviet enalysts were oriented in PBID on 30 August. Orientation included Radio Propaganda Branch and a visit to East Coast Buresu.

26. During August, three employees entered on duty and three were transferred or resigned. FBID on board classified atrength on 31 August was

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27. Effective 23 July, the Mivision's native table of organization was increased by two monitors at the Saigon Bureau, two guards at the Hediterranean Bureau, and a clerk at the London Suresu.

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I Field Bureau Production II Personnal Supplement

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1-RGS

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, August 1955. Average computed on basis of 5-day week.

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE PILED	ITEKS FILED	TYPES FURLISHED
Austria	6	3,100*	17*	g*
East Coast	96	19,505	111	53
Germany	23	12,500*	55*	46*
Hokkaldo	11	8,000	77	63
London	227	47,000	93	77
Kediterransan	71	38,000	223	184
Okinawa	111	24,300	76	56
Saigon	26	9,270*	29*	224
Tokyo	25	10,000*	28*	17*
West Coast	89	34 ,00 0	187	110
Totals	685	205,675	696	638

^{*}Includes press scrutiny.

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			Best Coast Bureau		1 August 1955
			Administrative Staff		27 August 1955
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	3.	Promotions			· ·
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			Cruising Monitor, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	Cruising Monitor, 08-10 West Coast Bureau	31 July 1955 50
			Clerk Typist, GS-3 Editorial Branch	Clerk Typist, GS-4 Editorial Branch	31 July 1955
			Secretary (Stepp), GS-4 Administrative Staff	Secretary (Steno), GS-5 Administrative Staff	31 July 1955
			Electron Eng (Sadio); GS-9 East Coast Burcou	Electron Ing (Radio), 65-11 Chinava Bureau	27 July 1955
			Admin Assistant, GS-7 Tokyo Buresu	Admin Assistant, GS-9 Tokyo Burdan	14 August 1955
			Propaganda Anal Off, GS-11 Radio Propaganda Branch	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-12 Hadio Propaganda Branch	14 August 1955
			Info Sp(For Bicat), GS-9 Biciterrapean Bureau	Info Sp(For Edest), GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	14 August 1955

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		Cruising Monitor, GS-9 Mediterranean Bureau	Cruising Monitor, GS-10 Meditorranean Bureau	14 August 1955 ⁵⁰
		Electronic Tech, GS-8 Tokyo Buresu	Electronic Tech, 69-9 Tokyo Buresu	26 August 1955
		Drdost Mon(English), GS-4 East Coast Dursen	Bricst Mon(English), US-5 Mast Coast Bureau	28 August 1955
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		Info Sp(For Bicst), OS-13 Editorial Branch	Info tp(For Edcst), GS-13 East Coast Buresu	14 August 1955
		Info Sp(For Bicst), GS-11 East Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Micst), QS-11 Miltorial Breach	14 August 1955
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		Admin Assistant, GS-7 London Bureau	ocp	3 August 1955
6.	Separations	·		5
	Same	Title, Grade, Assignment		Date
		Info Sp(For Biest), GS-9 West Coast Bureau		27 August 1955
	· .	Info Sp(For Edest), GS-9 Editorial Branch	· .	12 August 1959
7-	00 Career Service Program			
	a. Training Activities			50
		Army War College - Carliele August 1955 - June 1956	, Pens.	External
		Conference on Entionalism & Southeast Asia - Johns Hopks 8 - 11 August 1955	Progress in South and ins University	External

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Industrial College of the Armed Forces - Lecture External 31 August 1955

Elementary Reading Russian 20 June - 26 August 1955

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8. Foreign Travel

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